FISCAL NOTE

SB 610 - HB 1996

February 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an "aggrieved person," defined as anyone who has participated in the public comment process on a proposed water permit, to appeal the issuance of a permit by the Department of Environment and Conservation to the Water Quality Control Board. Under current law, appeal to the Board is limited to permit applicants, although other persons may challenge a permit through other mechanisms such as a citizen complaint.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption:

• No additional resources or personnel will be required by the Department or the Board to handle additional appeals.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director